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1. DEPT CONCURS THAT MOST DESIRABLE COURSE WOULD BE TO INITIATE ANY DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBLE US-USSR FISHING AGREEMENT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. AS POST HAS RECENTLY REPORTED, SOVIETS REMAIN GREATLY CONCERNED OVER US-JAPAN-CANADA NORTH PACIFIC SALMON AGREEMENT NOW IN FINAL STAGES. DEPT CONSIDERS THAT SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO INITIATE IMMEDIATE FULL DRESS NEGOTIATIONS MAY WELL BE DUE TO THEIR HOPE THAT POLLOCK ISSUE CAN BE DEVELOPED INTO MAJOR CONFIDENTIAL

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BARGAINING LEVER ON SALMON QUESTION. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT DOES PREFER TO INITIATE ANY DISCUSSIONS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND WILL SO RESPOND TO SOVIET INVITATION INDICATED REFTEL. POSITION TAKEN BY SOVIETS IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN DETERMINING USEFULNESS OF COMMENCING FORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON POLLOCK ISSUE PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO FORCE OF US-JAPAN-CANADA SALMON AGREEMENT.

2. DEPT WILL INSURE IN FUTURE THAT NOTES OR OTHER FORMAL
COMMUNICATIONS ON FISHERIES MATTERS ARE SENT THROUGH
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